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THE COPIE OF A LETTER WRITTEN from PARIS, the 20. of May 1610.

Declaring the maner of the execution of FRANCIS RAVAILLART, that murdered the French King. With what he was knowen to confesse at his death. And other the circumstances and dependencies thereupon.

Together with two Edicts; One of the Parliament alone; The other of the *new King in Parliament, declaring and confirming the Queene mother Regent of France.*

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SIR,

THough Tragedies bee sorrowfull representations, yet the Spectators hauing beheld and seene the former acts, they are likewise desirous to know the *catastrophe*; So fareth it with you, (as I coniecture,) who hauing vnderstood by my former Letters, what hath hitherto passed about this direfull acte, you will likewise couet to heare the end of this execrable actor, with other the consequencies; which here you haue.

Two dayes since, being the 18. of this moneth, I was an eye witnes of the exe-

cution of this accurſed creature, which was in this maner as I ſhall here truely tell you. As ſoone as hee was brought vpon the Scaffold in the ordinary place appointed, Hee began firſt with croſſing himſelfe, and the people, (as in deed he had truely done in an other ſence: For neuer came there a heauier croſſe nor loſſe to any Nation, then this vntimely death of this King to this kingdome;) Then fell hee downe vpon his knees, making his Confeſsion to the Prieſt. What he ſaid in particular could not be heard, but the Prieſt thereupon there openly gaue him Abſolution.

Then was hee layed naked vpon the Stage, and pinched in diuers places with hot Pincers, After which they burned his hand with the knife therein, wherewith hee killed the King; Then powred they hot lead into the wounds made with the Pincers, And laſtly drew him in pieces with horſes. His torments laſted two houres, and at euery action with horrible cries and ſtruggling, he teſtified the ſence

he had of his paines; Albeit all the while his torments lasted, he ceased not speakeing, and in the intermission thereof was demaunded diuers questions by his Confessor, and by the Officers of Iustice, but as it is said, hee persisted obstinately without confessing any materiall thing. The people did exceedingly reioyce to see him thus tormented, And much adoe there was through their rage, to bring him aliue to the execution, and after his death they satisfied themselues what they could by dragging and trailing his members in great fury about the towne.

This was the maner of his death, and all that is made knowen of his confession: but there is generally conceiued a secret iealousie against the Iesuites: And whatsoeuer of his confession is concealed, may be presumed to be feare to discouer that of the Church of Rome, which they are ashamed to lay open. He suffered the torment onely twife before his death, and had bin executed foure or fiue dayes sooner, if the Queene by expresse comman-

dement had not hindred it.

The cauſes of his ſpeedie execution that are alledged by the Court of Parliament, are theſe; That by their forme of proceeding, they neuer torment any man before he be condemned, and keepe him not aliue aboue a day after. That they feared he might die of his torments, & ſo they to be bereaued of his cõfeſsion at his death, and the people of ſo deſired a ſpectacle; who were much pleaſed and ſatisfied to ſee him ſo cruelly (though deſeruedly) tortured. He confeſſed that hee had conuerſed and ſpoken with a certaine Ieſuite in *Paris* called Father d' *Aubigny*, but denied that he had in any ſort cõmunicated his purpoſe vnto him; but this Ieſuite being examined, vtterly denied that euer he had ſeene this man before, which deniall made the matter the more ſuſpicious, they finde by letters written to this towne, & by autentical certificates that the very day of the Kings murther, & the day before, there were reports ſpread thereof out of the Kingdome. They ſay further

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that they doe well finde, that the damnable Maximes which haue bene insinuated these 20. yeeres by seditious Bookes, and Preachings, in derogation of the sacrednesse and authority of Princes, haue bene a chiefe occasion of this mischiefe. A point which all Princes had neede neerely to regard. And so S^r for this time I wil adde no more to your trouble: what else may insue, you shall heare soone after that I may know that to be true which I shall be about to tel you: and other then truth you shall euer be assured neuer to receiue from mee; and so I rest euer ready to doe you seruice.

Paris 20. *May*. 1610.

THE SENTENCE of Court of Parliament for eſtabliſhing the Q. Regent the ſame euening that the King was ſlaine.

WHereas the Kings Atturney generall hath made remonſtrãce vnto the Court of Parliament and all the Chambers thereof aſſembled, that (the King being now murdred by a moſt cruell, inhumane, aud deteſtable paricide committed vpon his ſacred Perſon) it were neceſsary to prouide for the affaires of the preſent King, and of his Eſtate; and required that there ſhould be preſently order giuen concerning his ſeruice, and the good of his Eſtate, which could not be ruled and gouerned but by the Queene,

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during the minoritie of the ſaide King *her ſonne; And that it would pleaſe the ſaid Court to declare her Regent, that the affaire of the Kingdome might be ordred by her. The matter hauing bene deliberated vpon, the ſaid Court hath declared, and doth declare the ſaid Queene (mother of this King) Regent in* France *for the adminiſtration of the affaires of the Kingdome during the minoritie of the ſaid* King *her ſonne, with all power and authority.* Done in Parliament 14. May 1610.

Signed Dv Tillet.

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THE KINGS CONfirmation of the Sentence of the Court of Parliament, Maij 14. declaring the Q. his mother Regent of France.

THE KING sitting in *his Seat of Justice, by the aduice of the princes of his blood, and other Princes and Prelates, Dukes, Peeres, and Officers of the Crowne, hauing heard the request of his Atturney generall, hath declared and doth declare (according to the Sentence of the Court of Parliament the day before) the Queene his Mother Regent of France, and to haue the care of the education, and bringing vp of his person, and the administration of the affaires of his King-*

Kingdome, during his minoritie, and this present EDICT *shall bee publiſhed and regiſtred in all the bailliages & ſenechauſes, and in other Iuriſdictions depending vpõ the ſaid Court of Parliament, and in all other Parliaments of this ſaide Kingdome.* Done in Parliament the 15. of May, 1610.

Signed DV TILLET.

Kingdome, during his minority, and this present Act shall be published and registred in all the Sheriffdoms & Stewartries, and in other Territories depending upon the said Crown of Parliament, and in all other Parliaments of this Kingdome. Done in Parliament the 15. day of May, 1640.

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Signed By Tullet.